

## Greenbelt City Council Takes Action To Clean Up Year-end Financial Issues

by Barbara Hopkins

Although the Greenbelt City Council has already passed the Fiscal Year 2012 budget, council still spent a considerable portion of its regular meeting on Monday, June 20 on the city's finances.

### Refinancing Debt

An ordinance authorizing the city to borrow up to \$3.95 million was introduced for second reading and adoption. The ordinance [see story in June 16, 2011, issue] allows the city to refinance its debt, most likely allowing for faster repayment by reducing the interest rate.

Most councilmembers favored the refinancing but Councilmember Rodney Roberts, who had spoken against it from its first reading on June 6, provided the sole negative vote on June 20. The city, he said, should pay off its existing debt instead.

Columbia Bank has provided a loan proposal bearing an interest rate of 3.29 percent for 10 years, at which time the rate would be reset for the final five years of

the loan's term. The proposal also requires the city to maintain a "primary depository and cash management relationship" with the bank.

### Council Objections

Although council had been generally impressed with a presentation by Columbia Bank, and in April passed a resolution to negotiate banking services with that firm, several councilmembers wanted some guarantee that the city would not be locked into a banking obligation where the service turns out to be less than anticipated. Councilmember Emmett Jordan noted the many changes in the banking industry so the city could not be sure Columbia Bank would not be bought by another firm. Nor would there be any guarantees the local branch would remain open for the duration of the loan, he added.

Also of concern was the two percent prepayment penalty for the first 10 years if more than 20 percent of the loan balance is

paid off in one year. City Manager Michael McLaughlin had hopes the loan could be paid off before its term, even with those restrictions, he said.

Despite these concerns, councilmembers hesitated to delay the process, given that the bank's proposal expires on June 30 and that interest rates could then go up.

McLaughlin reminded council that they could hold a special meeting. Council agreed to vote on the ordinance allowing the loan but to wait for feedback from Columbia Bank on possible adjustments to the terms of their loan agreement before accepting it.

### Budget Adjustments

Council then adopted three ordinances in accordance with the City Charter, allowing supplemental appropriations to cover expenditures for Fiscal Year 2011. Allocations to the General Fund and Replacement Fund

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## July Fourth Moves Artful Afternoon to Lake Park

The July Artful Afternoon will be held this year on the Fourth of July with all city celebrations moving to Buddy Attick Park on Monday for the patriotic, festive occasion. A wide variety of activities will engage people of all ages. The day's events will then culminate in a stellar fireworks display over Greenbelt Lake for a 20- to 30-minute show starting around 9 p.m.

All are invited to come early to claim a viewing spot and to enjoy a variety of additional free programs during both afternoon and evening. Those attending may enjoy the playground or walking around the 1.25-mile wooded trail of the lake park.

From 5 to 5:30 p.m. the waiting July Fourth crowd is invited to pick up a hula hoop and get ready for a hooping jam from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. by hoopster Noelle Powers. The city will supply hoops but all are welcome to bring their own.

### Drum Circle

A drum circle will form at the bandstand from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Attendees are invited to bring percussion instruments or use those the city provides. No

experience is necessary; all ages welcome.

Katy Gaughan, founder of Music Heals Us, will facilitate the drum circle. A video of Gaughan leading last year's drum circle can be viewed at [www.katygaughan.com](http://www.katygaughan.com).

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. professional clown and Greenbelt Circus Camp Director Greg May will lead a participative juggling demonstration.

At 7:30 p.m. at the bandstand the Greenbelt Concert Band will give a rousing performance of patriotic selections.

Participants are reminded to observe all posted parking regulations and to cooperate with the Greenbelt Police Department who will staff the events at the park. For everyone's safety, attendees may not bring fireworks (including sparklers) or alcohol into the park. All are asked to recycle using containers available in the park or by taking recyclables home with them.

Buddy Attick Park is located on Crescent Road near Kenilworth Avenue. In the case

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## Greenbelt Ventures vs. WMATA Lawsuit Is Dismissed by Court

by Mary Willis Clarke

U.S. Federal District Court Judge Alexander Williams has dismissed the lawsuit by Greenbelt Ventures, LLC, (Greenbelt Ventures) against the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Judge Williams cited WMATA's qualified immunity from lawsuits as a quasi-governmental organization as the basis for the dismissal.

In the lawsuit Greenbelt Ventures sought to compel WMATA to approve its acquisition of a majority interest in Metroland Developers, LLC, (Metroland) thus becoming the substitute developer for the Greenbelt Station project adjacent to the Greenbelt Metro Station. Greenbelt Ventures is led by Petrie-Ross Ventures (developer of Woodmore Towne Centre and Annapolis Town Centre) backed by Prudential Insurance Company funding. According to documents filed in the lawsuit, approval of the substitution was placed on the WMATA board of director's agenda for September 25, 2008. When the Washington Post reported that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was investigating a former Prince George's County Councilmember for improper involvement on legislation connected to the Greenbelt Metro project, the item was removed

from the agenda and the WMATA board never approved Greenbelt Ventures as the substitute developer.

### Metroland and Metropark

The failure of WMATA to approve the acquisition of a controlling interest in Metroland by Greenbelt Ventures and the court's dismissal of the lawsuit seeking to compel approval, leaves the original Metroland entities in control of future development at the Greenbelt Metro station. The Washington Post reported on July 5, 2001, that Metroland is a partnership of A. H. Smith Co. (original owners of much of the land); Clark Realty (a subsidiary of Clark Construction Co.); Petrie, Dierman and Kughn (a retail development company and, yes, same Petrie as in Greenbelt Ventures); and Beltway Indian Creek (a minority-owned development company whose managing partner was Michael Arrington but is no longer active since its charter was forfeited for failure to file a personal property tax return in 2007).

As reported in the March 24, 2005, issue of the News Review, Prince George's County developer Daniel Colton represented Metroland in presentations before the Greenbelt City Council. Colton recently pleaded guilty

to conspiracy to commit extortion and to make false statement to the Federal Election Commission. The FBI press release announcing the guilty plea says that Colton and Patrick Ricker, who earlier pleaded guilty to conspiracy and tax evasion, offered bribes to state and local officials in exchange for favorable official actions including approval of the Greenbelt Station Detailed Site Plan proposed by Greenbelt Metropark, LLC (Metropark). In the FBI Press Release about the Colton plea, Colton and Ricker are described as having "ownership interests" in Metropark. Judge Williams, in his Memorandum Opinion dismissing the WMATA lawsuit, describes Metroland and Metropark as "affiliates," meaning they share common ownership elements.

### Plans for Property

The original December 2000 Joint Development Agreement between WMATA and Metroland for development of the WMATA-owned land adjacent to the Greenbelt Metro station called for a minimum of 270 residential units, 800,000 square feet of retail space, 1,000,000 square feet of office space and hotel/conference space of 195,000 square

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## Bomb Scare Clears Target For Two Hours; No Bomb

by Sue Krofchik

A bomb threat led to evacuation of the Beltway Plaza Target on Tuesday, June 14 shortly after 5 p.m. A person believed to be male called the store twice, at 4:50 p.m. and 4:55 p.m., warning that a bomb was in the store and set to go off at a certain time.

According to one confidential and unofficial source, when the alleged bomber called the store at 4:50 p.m. he stated the time the bomb was to go off; however, the time he gave had already passed. He called back five minutes later, apparently to correct the time.

Greenbelt Police were called and responded immediately. The decision to evacuate was made by store officials. According to Greenbelt Police Special Operations Commander Captain Thomas Kemp, "On private property, unless there is a credible threat, the owner decides if to evacuate."

### All Clear

After police searched the store

and found nothing suspicious Target employees were allowed to re-enter the store at approximately 5:45 p.m. Police instructed them to look for anything out of place or unusual, since they would know these things better than someone who does not work there. No such concerns were reported. Approximately two hours after the first threat was received the store reopened for business.

"We take every threat very seriously," said Antoine LaFromboise, spokesperson for Target Corporation, based in Minneapolis. "We evacuated guests and team members and worked with the police."

### Eyewitness Account

The Greenbelt News Review was alerted to the evacuation by Greenbelt resident and Target shopper Don Comis. According to Comis, he and his wife Helen

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### What Goes On

**Saturday, June 25**

**9 a.m. to noon**, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

**Tuesday, June 28**

**7:30 p.m.**, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) Meeting, Community Center

**7:30 p.m.**, Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Meeting, Municipal Building

# Letters to the Editor

## Benefit Concert For Monique

For a fun evening of great music come to the American Legion Post 136 at 7 p.m. on July 2.

Monique Jezierski needs help paying for her Multiple Myeloma treatments and other related doctors' bills. It is okay to arrive anytime up to 10:30 p.m. A donation at the door is encouraged but not required.

This is going to be a great party with family, friends and neighbors. Children are welcome.

If you cannot attend but would like to make a donation make checks to Monique Jezierski and send to P.O. Box 744, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

Thank you.

*Tod Cornett*  
*Benefit Host*

## THANKS!

I want to thank Public Works for their prompt response to my call regarding a two-story high leaning pine tree that waved in the winds and was about to come down on our townhomes in Windsor Green.

It was targeted and taken down within the week!

*Kathy Pape*

## Vandergrift Acoustics Amounts to Yelling

Unwittingly (but not unwillingly) I made a \$12 dollar donation to the Vandergrift play on June 11 because I walked out after only 15 minutes, due to what I perceived to be persistent yelling. Of course, for actors, voices that carry are a great asset but these voices, especially that of the lead actor brought on a concern that I might be "yelled at" for two hours. And not only that, because of rapid speech, I could hardly figure out what he was saying. Seldom do I have trouble understanding movies or videos.

Dear Neighbor:

With Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival rapidly approaching, all Greenbelters are asked to be on heightened alert for this year's Outstanding Citizen. The process of identifying that special person in a city of citizen volunteers is difficult and requires input from citizens like you!

Some outstanding citizens are easily spotted because of their creative leadership and their high visibility within organizations. Or they may touch others in a quiet way and are characterized by a strong sense of compassion and a desire to serve.

While a committee will select 2011's Outstanding Citizen, that selection – the 39th since the award began in 1973 – is made from nominations submitted from the community. Help identify our city's outstanding citizen by completing the nomination form (see below). Describe, in your own words, your nominee's contributions or acts of kindness.

Nominations are due by August 1, 2011. The opening ceremonies of Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival will include the announcement of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Besides the recognition and congratulatory proclamations, the honoree serves as the Grand Marshall for the Labor Day Parade.

All of us have had the opportunity to be associated with individuals from Greenbelt who have distinguished themselves for their outstanding volunteer service to our community. Rarely do they receive the recognition they deserve. History indicates that many of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizens have been nominated several times before their selection. The Committee encourages nominators to be persistent.

We know we can count on you to keep this one of Greenbelt's special events!

*Bob Zugby, Chair*  
*Outstanding Citizen Selection Committee*

I don't think that the life situations and emotions portrayed in the play called for yelling. As announced, some of these players have visited over 50 venues and I could imagine that they had heard better acoustics. But actors must know about adjusting their voices to acoustics and room sizes. I wonder whether they automatically "crank up their volume" when they see a lot of gray and formerly gray in their audiences?

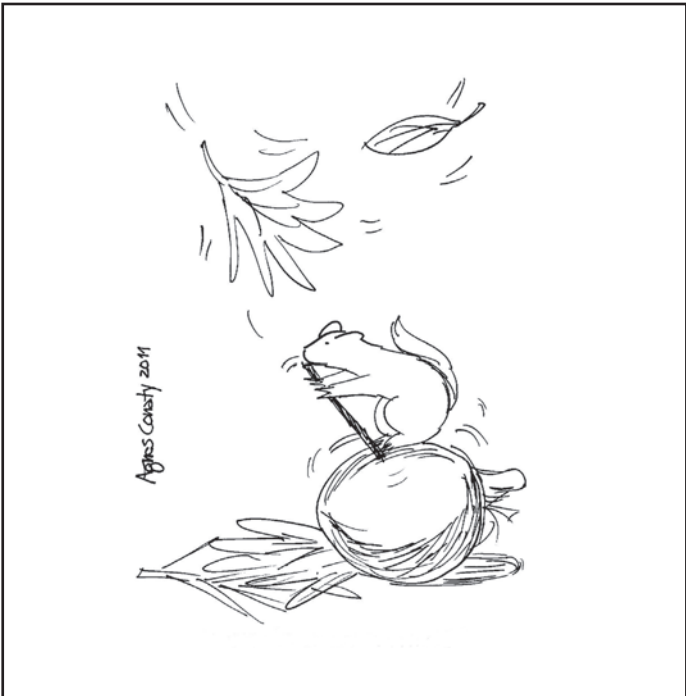
Surely a playwright, as other writers, must painfully throw away most material in order to

fit the play into a time frame. I could imagine a reluctance to throw out even more material because of a necessity to slow down the speech. After we listen to a speaker for a while we become better able to figure out what he or she is saying and voice recognition software seems to work the same way.

Perhaps writers of plays, where feasible, could present slower dialog and monologue when actor(s) first appear in a play.

*Bill Norwood*

## Grin Belt



"A gigantic summer vacation . . . ."

## Summer Food Program Curbs Student Hunger

About 11.1 percent of households in Maryland (1 in 9) face a constant struggle against hunger. When schools are closed during the summer months, students who receive free or reduced-price meals throughout the school year are at risk for not receiving the nutrition they need to learn, play and grow.

The Summer Food Service Program provides healthy meals to all children age 18 and under, as well as those 19 years and over who have mental or physical dis-

abilities.

The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered through a partnership between the Prince George's County Department of Social Services and the Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services. The nearest site to Greenbelt is at Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway, which runs at 11:30 a.m. from June 27 through August 5.

For more information call Park & Planning at 301-445-4500.

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## Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Inc.

### NOMINATION FORM Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form or a letter by Monday, August 2 to:  
Robert Zugby, Chair  
94 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) which explains why the nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time; specific accomplishments during each period of service; the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the city; and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material will be accepted but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful.

You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later, but no later than the August 2nd deadline.

Nominated By:  
Name(s) (please print) Signature(s) Phone

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## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF JUNE 17  
Midnight in  
Paris  
(PG-13)

Friday

\*5:15, 7:30, 9:30

Saturday

\*3:15, \*5:15, 7:30, 9:30

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\*3:15, \*5:15, 7:30

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# Community Events

## Greenbelt Joins Forest Partnership in MOU

Thursday, June 23 at 10 a.m. in a ceremony officiated by Mayor Judith Davis, new partners in the Baltimore Washington Partners for Forest Stewardship (BW-PFS), including Greenbelt, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to join in protection of forestland they manage. The MOU signature ceremony was followed by a tree planting led by Lesley Riddle. The event was hosted by the City of Greenbelt and expands BWPFS contiguous managed landscape to nearly 47 square miles.

In addition to the City of Greenbelt the new partners are the University of Maryland, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Geological Survey, whose signing of the MOU was witnessed by representatives from the existing partners. Those include the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Center for Chesapeake Communities, U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Fish and Wildlife Patuxent Research Refuge, NASA/Goddard and Ft. Meade, who formed the partnership in 2006.

Of the BWPFS partners’ collectively owned and managed land, 64 percent is either forested or wetlands; the partners hope to expand the tree canopy cover even further. The combined land is one of the last significant tracts of contiguous forest land in this highly urbanized region. It contributes to clean air and water, prevention of soil erosion and flood control, biodiversity and recreational and educational opportunities for the entire region.

BWPFS continues outreach to add partners from other agencies, landowners and interested people throughout the Baltimore-Washington corridor.

## GMS Construction Is Shown via Webcam

Progress on construction of Greenbelt Middle School can now be followed online by webcam, with onsite photos refreshing every few minutes.

Link to <http://www1.pgcps.org/cip/index.aspx?id=146076>.

## Introduce a Friend To GAFC Free

On Friday, June 24 one free guest will be admitted to the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) with anyone paying a full-price admission. For more information call GAFC at 301-397-2204.

## Greens Will Meet At Police Station

The Greenbelt Greens will meet on Wednesday, June 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Greenbelt Police Station, at the corner of Ridge and Crescent Roads.

The main event is to be a discussion of China with various speakers invited to participate. Mark Miller, who recently spent five and a half months in the People’s Republic of China, will share his impressions. Bob Auerbach will also speak. China’s place in the movement for world peace and the peace movement in the U.S. will also be discussed as part of Greenbelt’s observance of June as Peace Month.

All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

For more information call 301-441-2621 or 301-441-3298.

## GreenBeLT Pride: Let the Games Begin

GreenBeLT Pride will sponsor a game night on Friday, June 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Roosevelt Center. Weather permitting, the games will be played on the green tables outdoors at the Center. If it rains, activities will move indoors either to the New Deal Café or Generous Joe’s. To find the group look for a rainbow flag on a table.

Participants are invited to bring a game to share, see old friends, make new friends and support local businesses by buying dinner. Previous game nights have featured such member-shared games as Apples to Apples, Pictionary, Cranium, Scrabble and Uno. The event is free of charge and everyone is invited.

More Community Events  
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## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

At the June 1 meeting the Golden Age Club voted to proceed with dedication of a bench in memory of Bill Souser. Generous donations from members have made this possible and the request will be submitted to the City of Greenbelt, which will choose the site. The club will have a dedication ceremony at that time. No date has yet been set.

Many thanks to Dan Hamlin for his presentation of his safari in Africa. We were amazed at the beautiful pictures. We’re sure he posed those animals, they were so perfect.

No speaker is planned for June 29 as many members will be on the Strasburg Railroad trip with Karen Haseley. There will be an open microphone and it should be fun, with stories and jokes.

Remember: school is out – be sure to watch for the kids and drive carefully.

## ASG Star Party To Be Saturday

Everyone is invited to join the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) for a star party Saturday evening, June 25 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Fields. In addition to the observatory telescope, several members will share personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin as soon as it is dark enough, probably around 9 p.m.

Objects to be observed include the planet Saturn, as well as several nice star clusters and nebulae. ASG members will also be available to answer questions and provide advice about getting started in this hobby.

The star party will be cancelled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot at the bottom of the hill unless bringing a telescope.

## Levin to Offer Frugal Tips at ASG Meeting

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will hold its first meeting of the summer season on Thursday, June 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

The kick-off event will be a presentation by Elizabeth Levin on “Astronomy for Cheapskates.” Levin is a longtime ASG member and an enthusiastic, frugal observer. She will share both her secrets and her enthusiasm.

Summer ASG meetings are held in Room 103 at the Greenbelt Community Center. All are invited.

## At the Library

### Spring Gardening

Saturday, June 25, 2 p.m. by Master Gardeners of Prince George’s County. Children 6 to 12 can create their own Accordion Flower Scrapbook. Registration is required. Call the library at 301-345-5800 for details and to register.

### Children’s Reading

Tuesday, June 28, 2 p.m., Margie Lynch: the Bubble Lady.

### Storytimes

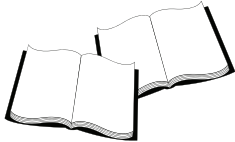
On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, June 29, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

Thursday, June 30, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Pick up a free ticket for the storytime events at the information desk.

For more information visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the website at [www.pgcmls.info](http://www.pgcmls.info).



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## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

At press time, the daily menu was unavailable due to a change in the contract provider. The News Review will resume publication of the information as soon as the menus become available.

## Academy Stadium Theatres

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Students/Military: \$7.50  
Children: \$6.00  
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

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## Week of JUNE 24

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12, 3, 6

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Betsy Marks Delaney

John Morogiello

Produced & Directed by Betsy  
Marks Delaney

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NOTE: This production contains adult language and situations.  
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# Obituaries

## Blanche Koning

Blanche T. van Berckel-Ebeling Koning of Greenbelt for over 20 years, died unexpectedly on May 25, 2011, while recovering from surgery.



Born in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, on January 20, 1928, she spent her adult life in the USA, receiving degrees from Hunter College and Columbia University. As a rare books librarian, Dr. Ebeling-Koning had a long career which included jobs at the Houghton Library at Harvard, the Rare Books & Literary Manuscripts Department at University of Maryland, the Archives of American Art at the Smithsonian Institution, the Oliveira Lima Library at Catholic University. She retired in 2006 from the John Carter Brown Library at Brown University.

She finished editing her final work, "The History of Brazil under the Governorship of Count Johan Maurits of Nassau, 1636-1644" just days before her surgery. It will be published posthumously in September.

She was predeceased in 1987 by her husband, Jacob J. Ebeling-Koning.

Surviving her are her stepchildren, Natasha Sigmund and Richard of Brooklyn, N.Y., Derek Ebeling-Koning and Juliann of Allison Park, Pa., Gwen EK Waddington and Glenn of Shelter Island, N.Y., and their children Natalie, Oliver and Lillian Ebeling-Koning, Citizen Sigmund and Morgan Waddington. In the Netherlands, she is survived by her sisters, Ann Blijdenstein, Marthe Ankersmit and sister-in-law Mary van Berckel, plus 10 nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was recently held at the Mullen Library at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Correspondence may be addressed to Derek Ebeling-Koning, 3266 Wagner Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. Memorial contributions may be sent to Doctors Without Borders USA, PO Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD 21741, [www.doctorswithoutborders.org/donate](http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/donate), 212-763-5779.

## Dorothy Pyles

Dorothy Patterson Pyles, 93, died of natural causes at home, according to her wishes, on Friday, June 17, 2011. She had been Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of the Year for 1993.



Dorothy Patterson spent her childhood at the edge of the New Jersey Palisades across the Hudson River from New York City. She was a 1934 graduate of Weehawken High School, New Jersey.

In 1948 she married Paul S. Pyles of Washington, D.C., and they had three children. The marriage ended in divorce in 1963 and Mrs. Pyles raised their three children in a Washington, D.C., apartment. Her parents lived in an apartment there and were able to help with the children while she worked. Mrs. Pyles was active during these years with the local PTAs and was a longtime bowler with the FDIC Ladies' Duckpin team.

Mrs. Pyles worked at several federal jobs. She had worked for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for 25 years, primarily as an auditor and had one year until retirement when she moved to Greenbelt.

In 1979 she was one of the first people to move into Greenbriar. The new residents formed a condominium association and a central governance structure for all the new developments, the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC). Mrs. Pyles was elected

as Greenbriar's representative to GEAC and served from the mid-80s. She was also treasurer of the Greenbriar Community Association for 15 years.

Mrs. Pyles took an active role in the beautification of Greenbriar Phase III where she lived. During one spring she personally planted some 281 begonia plants at its main entrance and had helped to establish four other gardens nearby. Because of this her neighbors dedicated a bench at Schrom Hills Park in her honor with a plaque designating her "First Lady of Greenbelt East." A tree at the police station was dedicated to her as was the pavilion at the Greenbriar Community Pool.

With the advent of crime in the newer sections of the city, Mrs. Pyles began to advocate for crime prevention. She created one of the first neighborhood crime watch organizations in Greenbelt, at Greenbriar, expanded it and then helped other neighborhoods that wished to start similar efforts. She was also an original member of the city's Crime Prevention Committee and served on it for several years.

Mrs. Pyles did other volunteer work in the city, working in general elections at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School polls; the New Deal Café; was a volunteer driver for the Greenbelt Inter-generational Volunteer Exchange

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O Son of Man!  
Be thou content with Me and  
seek no other helper. For none but  
Me can ever suffice thee.  
(Baha'u'llah)

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## Memorial Service For John Unger

On Sunday, July 3 from 2 to 5 p.m. in a celebration of life for John Unger, who died May 5, 2011, the Unger family will receive family, neighbors and friends informally in the dining room of Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road.



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Community  
of Greenbelt  
MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt



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[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410  
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Worship Service 10:00am

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# Obituaries



The 2002 dedication of the Dorothy Patterson Pyles Pavillion, Greenbriar community swimming pool. Left to right are Councilmember Rodney Roberts, daughter-in-law Charlotte Pyles, Dorothy Pyles, Mayor Judith Davis, son Paul Pyles and GEAC representative Sheldon Goldberg.

Service (GIVES); and helped to register new voters. She was an enthusiastic and creative gardener and an excellent cook, hosting holiday meals for numerous neighbors and friends.

All of her contributions that helped her to win the Outstanding Citizen designation also resulted a year later in having her biography in the commemorative volume, Women of Achievement in Prince George’s County.

She is survived by her daughter Mary Elizabeth Pyles and her husband Rick of Bay St. Louis, Miss.; sons Paul S. Pyles and his wife Charlotte of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands; and John C. Pyles and grandson Jacob Pyles of Silver Spring.

A reception will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center on Friday, June 24 at 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), Inc.,

## Lee Fendlay

Lee “Pop-Pop” Fendlay, 86, died on June 20, 2011, due to complications from congestive heart failure.

He was born on May 15, 1925, in Glencoe, Md., to Lee and Katherine Fendlay. In 1943, at the age of 18, Mr. Fendlay was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the 1303rd Engineering General Service Regiment as a bridge builder during World War II. He arrived at Omaha Beach in Normandy on day five. He fought in many pivotal battles including Northern France, the Battle of The Bulge, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was awarded ribbons and medals for good conduct and contributions to the war. In 1945 he was honorably discharged and returned home. Upon his return, Mr. Fendlay was given an apprenticeship at the Naval Shipping Yard in Washington D.C. and worked there as a machinist for his entire career.



While living in Baltimore he met Clara Jane Ensor, the love of his life. The couple was married on September 24, 1949, and eventually moved to Greenbelt to be closer to his work. As many old Greenbelters did, they lived in an apartment on Parkway before a growing family forced them to move to the spacious accommodations of a two bedroom GHI on Southway. They had a total of six children while living in 9 Court and have resided there ever since. Lee and Jane were married for over 61 happy years.

“Pop-Pop” was given his nickname by his grandchildren and with 19 of them, it’s no wonder everyone came to know him by that name. He would proudly wear his Pop-Pop baseball hat to the Greenbelt American Legion where he was well known and loved. People could always be sure to get two things from Lee – a handshake so hard that they couldn’t feel their fingers for five minutes and a heartfelt

“God bless you” when he said goodbye. He meant both with complete sincerity and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

His older sister Mabel and younger brother Alvin preceded him in death.

Mr. Fendlay is survived by his wife Jane Fendlay, sons Lee Fendlay, Dave (Laura) Fendlay, Ronnie Fendlay, Harry (Beth) Fendlay, Kevin (Frann) Fendlay and daughter Patty (Marty) Rousseau. He is also survived by his 19 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A viewing will be held at Borgwardt Funeral Home in Beltsville on Wednesday, June 29 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A funeral with full military honors will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 30 at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway in Cheltenham.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mr. Fendlay’s name to Greenbelt American Legion Post #136.

Neighbors helping Neighbors another thing that makes Greenbelt GREAT!



# City Information

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For information call 301-474-8000.

MEETINGS FOR JUNE 27-JULY 1

Tuesday, June 28th at 7:30pm, **Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES)** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, June 28th at 7:30pm, **Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

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The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm, Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment INFO: 301.474.6124. Donations welcome any time! We especially need kitty litter!

Visit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook.

INDEPENDENCE DAY AT BUDDY ATTICK PARK-MONDAY, JULY 4TH!

555 Crescent Road

5-6:30pm: Hula Hoop Jam

5:30- 6:45pm: Community Drum Circle

6:30 - 8:30pm: Juggling School

7:30 - 8:30pm Greenbelt Concert Band

Fireworks at dusk, approximately 9:00pm.

Weather and Information

Hotline: 301-474-0646.

Please be sure to observe all posted parking regulations and cooperate with the Greenbelt Police Department who will be staffing this event. For everyone’s safety, guests may not bring fireworks (including sparklers) or alcohol into the park.

Please recycle using containers available in the park or by taking recyclable materials home.



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June 29, 2011

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## Greenbelter Is Head Of Charter School

Monarch Academy Baltimore Campus, a new charter school opening this fall in Baltimore, has chosen Greenbelter Sundai M. Riggins for its principal. The school, which is sponsored by The Children's Guild, will serve Baltimore students in kindergarten through fourth grades.

Riggins has 10 years of experience in education as a teacher and school administrator. Before joining Monarch Academy, she was assistant principal at Brightwood Education Campus in the Washington, D.C., public school system. Previously, Riggins served as English Department chair at Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg, ninth-grade English teacher at Archbishop Carroll High School in D.C. and language arts and mathematics teacher at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School in Takoma Park. She also worked as program director and summer camp director for the D.C. Community Preservation and Development



**Sundai M. Riggins**

Corporation.

Riggins is a member of New Leaders for New Schools, a nationally recognized leadership development program and received the High School Principals Association Teacher of the Year Award in 2007 for her abilities as an educator and leader. Riggins has a master's degree in education administration from Trinity University in Washington, D.C., and a B.A. in English and journalism from the University of Maryland.



Condolences to the family and friends of Dorothy Pyles of Greenbriar, who died June 17, 2011. She was Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of 1993.

Our sympathy to Jane Fendlay and the entire Fendlay family on the death of her husband and their father, grandfather and great-grandfather Lee "Pop-Pop" Fendlay June 20, 2011.

### **Congratulations to:**

– Sundai Riggins, who has been selected as the principal for the new Monarch Academy charter school opening in Baltimore this fall.

– Daniel and Amanda Williams welcomed Daniel Craig Williams, Jr., who was born on Saturday, June 17 at 6:42 a.m. Weighing in at 7 lbs., 13 oz., he is the fourth grandchild and first grandson for Kelly and Linda Ivy.

– ERHS 2011 valedictorian Ankush Gola, also first place winner of the Prince George's Area Science Fair in Electrical Engineering, who received the one Northrop Grumman \$10,000 Engineering Scholarship awarded countywide. He will attend Princeton, where he will major in electrical engineering with a minor in applied mathematics.

– ERHS senior Prince Okoro, one of two county students to receive a Bill Gates Millennium Scholar Award, which provides scholarship funding through the doctorate degree level. He will attend Howard University, majoring in biomedical engineering.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– *Kathleen McFarland*

## Greenbelters Vault Into Second Place

Boosted by a slew of home runs and the debut of a first-time woman teammate, Greenbelt won three games last week to take over second place in C Division of the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League. On Monday, June 13 they beat the Howard Hawks of the B Division, 19-15. Playing-manager George Harrison hit a two-run homer, Fred Bohle had a double and three singles in four at-bats and pitcher Phil Olson hit safely three times as the Greenbelters led all the way.

On Wednesday, June 15 they beat Bowie Bronze 21-3 and 13-3 with Bohle getting six hits for a run of 10 straight. In the first game, Willie White slugged two tape-measure home runs over the left-field fence, one a grand-slam, the other with two men on base, and added a single. Tommy Howe tripled to start the game, adding two hits later while Al Morton also stroked three hits. Clyde Moody and Paul Williams split the pitching.

Pat – Patricia – Gaines, in the league's first known appearance of a woman, singled in her first at-bat, had two hits in three at-bats, played a faultless right field, pinch-ran and coached third base. The second game featured a home run and single by Jasper Pendergrass and two hits each by Tommy Howe – with five straight for the day – and Lefty Smith. Phil Olson pitched.

## Free Film Series Is in Accokeek

On Tuesday, June 28 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. the National Colonial Farm Education center will present the next in its film series, "The Plow that Broke the Plains." This 1936 film explores the factors that led to the formation of the Great Plains Dust Bowl.

The center is located at 3400 Bryan Point Road in Accokeek.

## What are these neighbors looking at?



PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

**Some GHI members and other friends participated in a media event as the backyard "audience" on June 17. From left is Barbara Logan, Rachel Channon, Bill Wilkerson, Nancy Solomon, Scott Snell, Peter Brady, Elizabeth Balcer-Kubiczek and Jeanette Grotke. Read the full story on page 16.**

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were increased by \$400,000 each and the Special Projects Fund received an additional allocation of \$300,000.

The city's undesignated and unreserved fund balances will be the source of the additional monies. Any funds unused at the end of the fiscal year will then be returned to the source fund.

Each ordinance was introduced for first reading, the rules were suspended and each ordinance then introduced for second reading and adoption, since council will not meet again before the end of the fiscal year. All were passed unanimously without discussion by a fully represented council.

Although staff calculates the city budget will end the year with an increase in spending of \$65,458 over what was originally allotted, there will also be savings of approximately \$200,000 from reduced expenses in three budget areas: Recreation and Parks, Planning and Community Development and Non-departmental.

The additional allocation to the General Fund is required to cover higher deferred compensation costs than had been anticipated for in the FY11 budget.

Additional allocations are necessary for the other two funds because items in the 2010 budget had not been executed until FY11.

### **Trash Fees**

Council introduced for first reading a resolution increasing refuse and recycling charges for city residents. According to the City Charter, this resolution is required to establish fees adopted in the FY12 budget.

The new fees, which go into effect on July 1, are \$67 per quarter for refuse and recycling and \$33 per year for recycling only. The resolution will be presented for second reading and adoption at council's next regular meeting.

It was not necessary to suspend the rules to adopt the reso-

lution before June 30, as refuse and recycling bills will not be prepared before council's next meeting.

### **Inspection Fees**

The newly adopted FY12 budget increases fees for apartment and commercial office licenses in order to cover actual costs to the city of its inspection programs. City Code requires these fees to be established by a resolution, and such a resolution was presented for first reading on June 20. The mayor's initial request for a councilmember to introduce the resolution was met with silence, but Councilmember Edward Putens finally stepped forward to accomplish the unpopular deed. The rules were then suspended and the resolution read a second time and adopted by a 6-1 vote, with Roberts dissenting.

Roberts said he did not want to burden small business owners with additional fees in this economic climate. Mayor Judith Davis reminded him that the increases were necessary to cover the city's costs.

### **Tennis Courts**

Also introduced for first reading was a resolution to negotiate the purchase of resurfacing services for Braden Field tennis courts from Tennis Courts, Inc. (TCI) of Aylett, Va., at a cost of \$117,868. Besides resurfacing, the firm will install a timber border at the edge of the courts to deflect water runoff, install

underground drainage and anchor the net post sleeves. TCI also has been contracted to install new lights.

### **Generator**

The county will install a new generator fueled by natural gas at the Greenbelt Fire Station to power those parts of the station currently on generator, which does not include the rental hall/community room or the kitchen area. Installation of a 50-kilowatt generator similar to the current generator will be purchased by the county for \$48,400. County staff advises that an 80-kilowatt generator would power the whole building and cost an additional \$14,700 which the city would have to fund.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin has discussed with fire department leadership use of the community room as an emergency warming or cooling center. Round-the-clock staffing by emergency personnel, presence of a kitchen, its large size and assistance in emergencies by the Ladies Auxiliary make the community room desirable as a warming/cooling center.

McLaughlin recommended council authorize him to work with the county fire department to have the larger generator installed, with the city's contribution coming from the Building Capital Reserve Fund. Council agreed to have McLaughlin follow up on obtaining the larger generator.

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A Review

A Play about a Play at GAC

Funny “Young Turg” Is a Hit

by Jim Link

“Young Turg” is a wickedly funny, beautifully acted dissection of the hypocrisy and venality practiced to succeed in contemporary American theater. The “turg” of the title is shorthand for “dramaturg(e),” a theater company employee who vets plays, tweaks scripts and manipulates authors. Though as a rule singularly uncreative, such a person wields enormous influence.

In the play author John Morogiello’s scalpel exposes a world of intense ambition, backstabbing and artistic integrity both genuine and prostituted; his little inferno is very intelligent “theater about theater” fueled by punchy dialogue and nuanced characterization.

It deserves a much larger audience than the lucky few who attended its opening night at the Greenbelt Arts Center on June 17.

In the Arts Center performance Eric Henry plays Jim Foley, the play’s veteran turg, with delicious, smirky cynicism. The jaded Foley habitually rejects quality material in favor of profitable dreck, while drinking on the job, smoking constantly, popping meds and refusing to answer the phone.

This charming behavior predictably shocks the idealistic new young turg, Heidi Bishop. Caity Brown’s portrayal of the wide-eyed, earnest ingenue, who zealously lobbies for radical change and lofty artistic standards, is

spot on. And her costume changes almost equal Anne Hathaway’s on Oscar night.

The duelling turgs fight for the soul of the reigning (profitable) playwright Tina Fike, played with regal, metallic sophistication by Sandra Cox True. The cast’s quartet is completed by John Brascchi, the sympathetic, self-made theater manager who displays some unexpected traits before the play’s end. Ryan Willis is excellent as this complicated character.

Producer and director Betsy Marks Delaney has coaxed wonderful performances from her talented thespians; their chemistry and vitriol are a pleasure to watch. As General Manager of the Greenbelt Arts Center, Delaney was able to collect from her own office the props, boxes and paperwork that make the stage office such a mess.

Two quotes can show Morogiello’s sense of humor and his sharp insight. When Heidi informs Jim that a playwright named John Morogiello has submitted a new play for consideration, Jim winces: “Oh God, throw it away!”

And when Tina lectures Heidi on the sacrosanct nature of being a playwright, she says, “It’s a vocation, a calling, like being a priest but with a lot more sex.”

This gem will be performed at the Greenbelt Arts Center at 8 p.m. on June 24, June 25, July 1 and July 2; at 2 p.m. on Sundays, June 26 and July 3.

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feet. The planned development was frequently described as “\$1 billion dollar shopping and office complex” and outlets such as Nordstrom’s were described as the type of retail expected. As reported in the March 31 News Review and confirmed by additional documents submitted in the Greenbelt Ventures/WMATA lawsuit, WMATA has entered into a revised Joint Development Agreement with Metroland. As described in an affidavit by Garth Beall, manager of A.H. Smith Greenbelt Management, LLC, which in turn is the manager of Metroland Developers, the revised agreement extends the term of the original agreement (which was to expire in March 2011) to allow Metroland to compete for a major federal office tenant for the proposed Greenbelt project. The Informa-

tion Summary prepared for the WMATA Board of Directors in anticipation of board approval of the revised agreement describes the hoped-for federal tenant as occupying most of the site with possible ancillary mixed-use development. While lawsuit filings describe earlier secret negotiations by Metroland for construction of a new headquarters for the FBI, there is no indication which federal agency might be the tenant envisioned by the revised agreement.

Sic transit gloria Nordstom’s! In an era of reduced federal expenditures, major moves of large federal agencies may be limited. Greenbelt residents may find that the highest and best use of the land surrounding the Greenbelt Metro station could remain undisturbed wetlands and forest for sometime.



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City Police Issue Rules  
For Fireworks at Lake

The Greenbelt Police Department wishes everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July. To enhance holiday safety, the following are guidelines for the celebration at Buddy Attick Park (Greenbelt Lake). A tent with Police Department employees will be located in the grassy area by the main parking lot to provide first aid and to help with lost and missing children.

No Alcohol/Fireworks

Do not bring alcoholic beverages to the park. Alcohol is strictly prohibited in this and all city-owned parks. Violators will be subject to arrest. Remember that all pets must be on a leash.

Fireworks are deadly, dangerous and illegal. All forms, including firecrackers, snakes, sparklers and bottle rockets are prohibited by law in Greenbelt and in all of Prince George’s County. Those found to be in possession of fireworks will be subject to arrest. Penalties include a fine up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail.

For safety and security reasons people carrying coolers and packages into the park may be asked to have the contents of those packages inspected.

Parking Lot

The parking lot is reserved primarily for handicapped and elderly individuals. Vehicles must have handicapped or elderly individuals onboard in order to use this lot. Handicapped tags and/or placards will not necessarily be required nor will they guarantee a parking space.

Temporary “No Parking” signs will be posted on the streets surrounding the park. Vehicles parked in these areas will be towed.

Traffic Regulations

The official fireworks will begin at dusk (approximately 9 p.m.) and last 20 to 30 minutes. At the end traffic will be redirected outbound on Crescent Road toward Kenilworth Avenue. Inbound traffic entering Old Greenbelt from Kenilworth Avenue will not be allowed onto Crescent Road until most of the cars have left the area.

Motorists exiting the Beltway will not be allowed to proceed north on Kenilworth Avenue. I-495 traffic will be directed onto southbound Kenilworth Avenue. Motorists who need to go to the Old Greenbelt area can then turn left onto Greenbelt Road and make another left onto either Lakecrest Drive or Southway.

If the fireworks begin on time and no problems develop, these temporary changes in traffic patterns should not last any longer than 20 to 30 minutes from the end of the fireworks.

Calls for Information

The most commonly asked question by those who call the police dispatcher on the Fourth of July is “What time are the fireworks?” Everyone is asked to remember that police telephone lines must be kept open for those with emergencies or other police-related concerns.

For information regarding weather cancellations call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-474-0646. For more safety information about fireworks go to the Consumer Product Safety Commission website at <http://www.cpsc.gov/info/fireworks/index.html>.

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Ringling Brothers-trained clown Greg May will lead a free juggling school for all ages on July 4 as part of the City of Greenbelt Independence Day Celebration at Buddy Attick Park.

of inclement weather call the Greenbelt Recreation Department Weather and Information Hotline at 301-474-0646 for schedule adjustments.

Because of the Fourth of July events at the lake, no additional

Artful Afternoon activities will be held at the Community Center on July 3. The next studio open house and sale with Center artists-in-residence will take place on Sunday, August 7.



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Wednesday, June 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.,  
Prince George’s Chapter House, 6206 Belcrest Road,  
Hyattsville

Thursday, June 30, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.,  
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# NEWS IN REVIEW

## New Board Faces Key Issues



On the tax issue, informational meetings are underway with members who may be facing significant hikes in their state property taxes with the new individual assessment of homes. Volunteers and staff are examining the state's assessment data to identify errors and discrepancies. In

Boswell urged members to participate in the cooperative. "GHI can't do everything with the same small group of active members," he said. "If you have issues you're passionate about, step up and help us out."

## GHI Members on TV!

Living in a cooperative has many benefits, including self-government through an elected board, professional maintenance, building insurance, and substantial reserve funds for future repairs and replacement. Members pay a monthly charge that covers their share of operating expenses.

To find out if cooperative living is right for you, plan to attend the next free orientation, Monday, June 27th at 7:15 PM at the GHI administration building on Hamilton Place. Learn more about GHI's history and how to become a GHI member. And visit us at [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop).



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## GHI Celebrates Employee Appreciation Week

Every day of the week GHI workers received a tangible token of appreciation of their work. The week's activities were capped with a visit from Bay's Soft Serve Ice Cream truck. Employees enjoyed ice cream cones or banana splits -- made to order.



## HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT ALERT

Three reminder letters have been sent to members who have not returned their application for the Homestead Tax Credit. If you do not apply, the real estate tax on your home will reflect the most recent assessment. **This could double your taxes.** Contact Joe Perry (jperry@greenbelthomes.net, 301-474-4161 x 133) if you have not returned your application to GHI.

**Milestones...**  
Happy 90th  
Birthday to  
Hazel Chapman!

## 2011 Parking Lot Repairs Gearing Up

This year's parking lot repairs are anticipated to begin July 5. The contractor performing the work will be CPE, Inc. Work will consist of one or more of the following: seal coating, striping, numbering and lettering. Some courts will require reconstruction work. Members in affected courts will be contacted by letter in advance with details on who to contact with questions or concerns during the course of the work. Signs and door hangers will be posted in the courts immediately prior to the commencement of work.

*Help GHI pursue grant opportunities to defray upgrade costs. If you have experience in researching or writing grants, and can give a few hours a month from your home or at GHI, contact the management office at 301-474-4161 x 148.*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

## JUNE

Thu	23	7:30pm	Board Meeting
Fri	24	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Mon	27	7:15pm	Pre-Purchase Orientation

## JULY

Mon	4	--	OFFICES CLOSED-Independence Day
Tues	5	8:30am	Yard Line Committee
Thu	7	7:30pm	Special Board Meeting
Fri	8	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Wed	13	7:30pm	Architectural Review Committee
Thu	14	7:30pm	Board Meeting
Mon	18	7:00pm	Addition Maintenance Task Force
Mon	18	7:00pm	Communicator Task Force
Tue	19	7:30pm	Companion Animal Committee
Wed	20	7:00pm	Woodlands Committee
Fri	22	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Mon	25	7:00pm	Board Training
Tues	26	8:30am	Yard Line Committee
Wed	27	7:00pm	Yard Line Committee

(Dates are subject to change)

Maintenance service is available –for real emergencies only– outside of normal maintenance hours or when offices are closed. Call 301-474-6011.

### What events should GHI plan for the rest of the year?

Do you want a Yard Sale? Should we have a presence at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival? What about a Member Picnic? How can you help to make these happen? There are three ways that you can show you want to help: e-mail [mgmtoffice@greenbelthomes.net](mailto:mgmtoffice@greenbelthomes.net); go to [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop) and choose "I Want to Volunteer" on the home page; or call Sheri Swaim (301-474-4161 x 148) to let her know your interest.



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Kraft Phila. Cream Cheese 8 oz. brick	<del>\$1<sup>50</sup></del>	Shurfine Pure Butter Quarters 16 oz.	<del>\$2<sup>88</sup></del>	Red Baron Family Size Pizza Assorted 20-23 oz.	<del>\$4<sup>00</sup></del>	Stouffer's Macaroni & Cheese 12 oz.	<del>\$2<sup>00</sup></del>	
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## Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### DUI/DWI

June 11, 2:10 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A 21-year-old Hyattsville man was arrested and charged with drug and alcohol-related offenses after a traffic stop and then released on citations pending trial.

June 11, 11:55 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A 29-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with alcohol and drug-related offenses after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Burglaries

June 12, 8:00 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Currency was taken.

June 14, 6:57 a.m., 100 block Westway. Electronics, currency and a red 2006 Honda Odyssey van with Md. tags were taken.

### Vandalism

On June 12 windows were reported broken in the 6200 block Springhill Drive at 4:52 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace at 5:08 p.m. and 9300 block Edmonston Road at 6:48 p.m. In the 100 block Westway windows were broken on June 14, 12:37 p.m.

### Vehicle Crime

A 2000 Dodge Intrepid with DC tags reported stolen by Prince George's County police was recovered June 11 in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace with no arrests made.

Eight reports of thefts from autos were received: 9300 block Edmonston Road (radio), 7700 block Hanover Parkway (handbag), 7900 block Mandan Road (radio), 6100 block

### Monday Crash Badly Injures Van Driver

Greenbelt police reported that on Monday, June 20 at about 5:30 p.m. there was a serious three vehicle collision at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue that resulted in a 1995 GMC Safari work van being flipped onto its roof.

Preliminary investigation indicates the westbound van failed to stop at the red light on Greenbelt Road (Rt. 193) and was hit by a left-turning Honda CRV in the two-lane approach to Kenilworth Avenue northbound. The van flipped on the curb, coming to rest on the driver's side.

The driver of the van, a man from Hyattsville, was trapped and when extricated transported to Prince George's Hospital Center where he is reported in critical but stable condition. None of the other persons involved, all nonresidents, were badly hurt. Police had to close part of Greenbelt Road to do accident scene investigation.

Breezewood Court (computer bag), 9100 block Springhill Lane (GPS unit), 6100 block Breezewood Drive (car seat, sunglasses and iPod), 6200 block Springhill Drive (radio), 9100 block Edmonston Road (DVD).

Two cases of vandalism were reported, one in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway (car window broken) and the other in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive (vehicle was scratched).

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

## Greenbelt Baseball

### Major League Standings as of June 20

<u>American League</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>National League</u>	<u>W-L</u>
Giants	14-3	Indians	11-7
Tigers	14-4	Cardinals	11-7
Athletics	10-7	Cubs	6-8
Orioles	0-16	Yankees	2-14

### Playoff Schedule June 27 through July 9

<u>Game</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Teams</u>
Game 1	Mon., June 27	6 p.m.	Amer. League 4 vs. Amer. League 3
Game 2	Tue., June 28	6 p.m.	Nat'l League 4 vs. Nat'l League 3
Game 3	Wed., June 29	6 p.m.	Game 1 winner vs. Amer. League 2
Game 4	Thur., June 30	6 p.m.	Game 2 winner vs. Nat'l League 2
Game 5	Tue., July 5	6 p.m.	Game 3 winner vs. Amer. League 1
Game 6	Wed., July 6	6 p.m.	Game 4 winner vs. Nat'l League 1
Game 7	Thur., July 7	6 p.m.	Game 3 winner vs. Amer. League 1
Game 8	Fri., July 8	6 p.m.	Game 4 winner vs. Nat'l League 1
Game 9	*Sat., July 9	10 a.m.	Game 3 winner vs. Amer. League 1
Game 10	*Sat., July 9	1 p.m.	Game 4 winner vs. Nat'l League 1

### Champion Series will begin Tuesday, July 12

Game 1	Tue., July 12	6 p.m.
Game 2	Wed., July 13	6 p.m.
Game 3	*Thur., July 14	6 p.m.

\*(if necessary)

All games are played at McDonald Field off Southway.

## BOMB SCARE continued from page 1

were in the store shopping when "a soft voice" came over the store intercom telling customers to leave their merchandise in the store and evacuate, with staff going to the designated evacuation spot (later found to be the grassy median at the edge of the parking lot near the Greenbelt Road entrance to Beltway Plaza).

Comis thought the evacuation was handled poorly. He had to hear the announcement

several times to understand it and his wife never did. He was surprised the word "emergency" was not heard and that "there was no alarm going off to signal urgency like a fire alarm sound with strobe lights for the deaf."

When told about the experience of Comis and his wife, LaFromboise replied "the store followed all proper procedures which included numerous announcements." He noted that

store leaders swept all areas of the store to ensure customers had been evacuated safely. Marc Kapistan, general counsel for Beltway Plaza, and Mall Security Chief Michael D. Ross had no comment other than to refer inquiries to the Greenbelt police and Target Corporation.

Investigation of the bomb threat is suspended, according to Kemp, pending the availability of new information.

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# Jim Cassels Service Award Seeks 2011 Applicants

by Leta Mach

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative is accepting applications for the 2011 Jim Cassels Community Service Award. The award gives \$1,000 to an organization to carry out a project in the next year that inspires a sense of working together for the common good and will positively impact the lives and the environment of the people who live in the Greenbelt community. Projects might focus on the elderly, young people or others in need or tie in with Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary.

The 2010 Jim Cassels Community Service Award is funding a Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts/Greenbelt Access Television (GAVA/GATE) art and animation project. In the project, young people ages 10 to 15 are creating an animated video to be screened as part of the city's 75th Anniversary celebration in 2012. The Jim Cassels Community Service Award is funding the first half of the project this year. The students are drafting the story and creating a three-dimensional background for the animation that features the historic movie theater in Roosevelt Center. Tom Baker, an artist in the Community Center, is the instructor with assistance from George Kochell and Penny Smith. The second part of the project, animation with George Kochell, is partially supported by a county grant from County Councilmember Ingrid Turner.

One of the project's goals is to create bridges between the three geographic communities of Greenbelt – Center Greenbelt, Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West – by bringing young people from the three communities together to work as a team. In April art students from Greenbelt Middle School visited GATE to learn about the animation program, specifically about the 75th



**Instructor Tom Baker with student Eilean O'Brien gluing parts of the model of the movie house in Roosevelt Center.**

anniversary project and how they can participate.

The Jim Cassels Community Service award was established in 2006 to honor Jim Cassels on his retirement from the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative Board. In previous years, the Co-op has given the \$1,000 Jim Cassels Community Service Award to several outstanding organizations including the Beaverdam Watershed Watch Group, the Greenbelt Climate Action Network, the Greenbelt Tennis Association and the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts. They were fitting recipients of an award made in Jim Cassels memory.

Applications are available at Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Office or online at [http://fd2.formdesk.com/coop/cassels\\_award](http://fd2.formdesk.com/coop/cassels_award). Applications should be returned to the Co-op main office by October 15, 2011.

The award will be presented at the cooperative's annual meeting this fall. For more information call Steve Kane at 301-441-3809.

*Leta Mach is a member of the Jim Cassels Community Service Award Committee.*



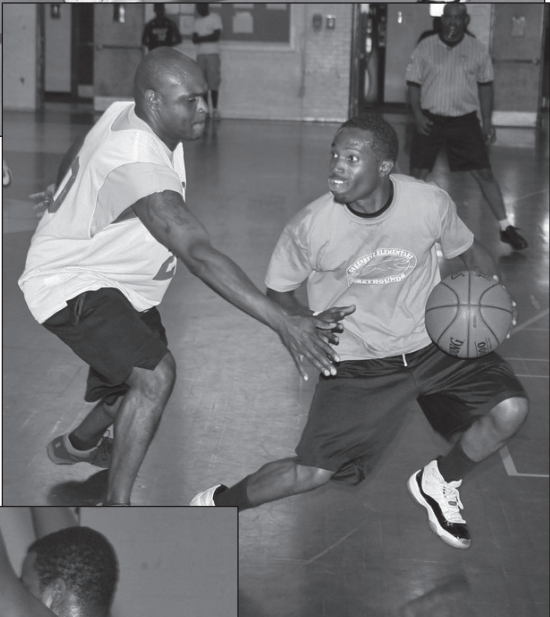
**Animation instructor George Kochell and assistant instructor Penny Smith with student John Commins working on model of theater.**

# GES vs GMS; Teachers Play Ball



**The teachers and staff of Greenbelt Elementary (GES) and Greenbelt Middle Schools (GMS) played ball on Friday, June 3. Above, Jeff Franklin, Yusef Dorman-El and Jeremy Franklin.**

**At right, GMS Principal Warren Tweedy and Jeremy Franklin. This is the third year for the matchup, building bridges between teachers and families of the two schools.**



**Greenbelt Elementary School won 48 to 42 in an exciting game before an enthusiastic group of parents and students. At left, Molly Sims, Dustin Pollard, Angie Payne and Andrew Glenn.**

**Below, Jeff Franklin, Wes Wright, David Manfredi, Yusef Dorman-El (shooting basket) and Andrew Glenn waiting for rebound.**



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# Women’s Basketball 3-peat May Well Be in the Offing

by Brian M. Butler

I was once told that having a good rotation makes all the difference in the world in the percentage of missing and making shots. I never knew the lesson on rotation also pertains to the concept of team itself. In the bigger frame of things the correct rotation of players throughout the game makes all the difference in the world in winning and losing games. So as the ball spins through the air and the lineups race up and down the court, some goals are reached while others fall short. This includes the fairytale-like ending of the NBA championship a week ago.

The two contenders, Dallas Mavericks and Miami Heat, faced each other in the finals of 2006 and the Heat came out victorious. Since then, both teams have made adjustments to their rosters and this year’s 2011 NBA championship had a spectacular yet different ending. The older and wiser Maverick team outplayed the younger but arguably more talented Miami Heat team who were expected (by most) to win it all due to their roster’s rotational changes.

Neither team [for different reasons] was expected to be in the championship to begin with. But the usual powerhouses, L.A. Lakers and Boston Celtics, won just one game between them in this year’s playoffs. So fans were left to watch professional basketball without a chance of seeing a back-to-back champion much less a “3-peat.”

However, here in the wonderful City of Greenbelt we have the rare chance of witnessing a back-to-back champion returning to their basketball playoffs to defend

their title, while trying to 3-peat. **Lady Angels**

Yes, that’s right, our very own Greenbelt Lady Angels hoopsters are preparing to head back to Montreal, Canada, to defend and try to win the M3 International Championship title for a third time.

The dynamics for the team are very different this year. The rotation is different, not meaning better or worse but definitely different. With only one returning starter, Charlisa Cummings, suiting up for the Angels, the rotation of lineup has changed drastically. “It’s gonna be harder for us this year because so many teams want to beat us. We have a good team but we haven’t been tested in real pressure situations yet. We’ve worked hard, we’re ready to play, and we’ll represent the city the best we can,” said Coach Herbert Allen.

The Lady Angels are set to head out to Montreal on Wednesday, July 6 and will return Monday, July 11. Coach Allen added, “We’re not promising that we’re gonna bring home another title, but I promise you, we will play hard.” One thing we know for sure as the ball flies through the air and the teams race up and down the court, the rotation of both sides will make all the difference in which team misses or makes shots and also determine who will win and lose the championship.

Good luck Lady Angels! We know you’ll do your best!

*Brian M. Butler is a Recreation Coordinator I with the city’s Recreation Department, assigned at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, where the Lady Angels practice and play.*

# WSSC Is Smoke-testing for Sewer Defects

From June through September, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) will be using a consulting contractor for comprehensive smoke-testing of WSSC sewer systems in the area. The pro-active smoke detection procedure is to highlight potential sewer problems, avoid costly major sewer repairs when failures occur, as well as protect public health and the environment.

The procedure will locate and identify defects such as sewer line cracks and storm sewer cross connections. In addition to Greenbelt, smoke-testing will be done in Berwyn Heights, College Park, Riverdale and Hyattsville. Door hangers will be placed at residences and businesses 24 to 48 hours before the testing, with specific information and contact telephone numbers.

Smoke-testing involves using a blower to pump non-toxic smoke into opened manholes, so that white or gray smoke rising through the ground can be easily seen by field crews doing the testing, who then log and map each smoke escape for further analysis.

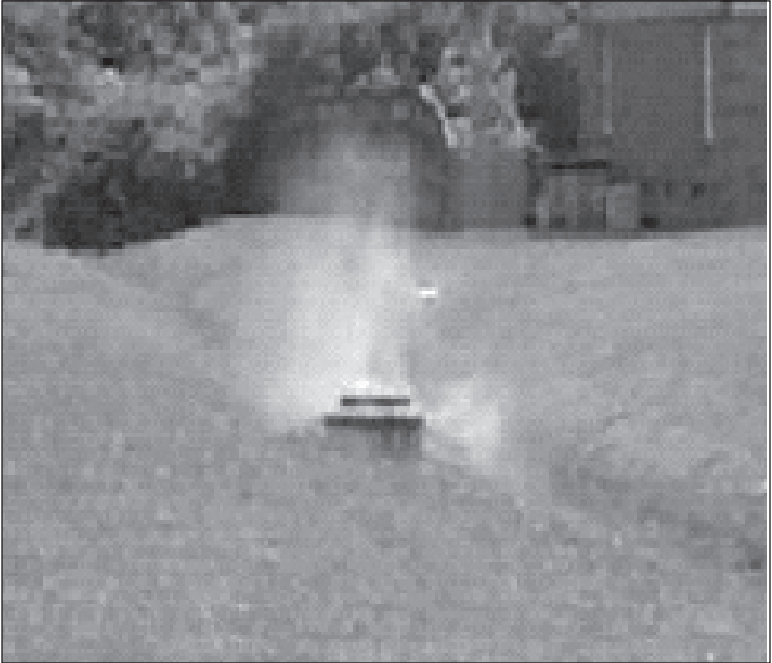
Field crews will not need to enter any homes or businesses, though entering the grounds where smoke is seen will be needed to log and investigate the source. There is no need for someone to be at home during the test – the only action required is to pour about a gallon of water down any unused drains to prevent smoke rising through those drains.

The smoke is non-toxic, leaves no residue and creates no fire hazard, though it has a slight odor similar to burning paper. As with all smoke, those with respiratory conditions such as asthma, bronchitis or emphysema should be careful of exposure.

WSSC does indicate that if



These photographs provided by WSSC show how the smoke-testing works.



smoke enters a house during this test, it is likely that sewer gases are also entering due to a plumbing defect and recommends contacting a plumber if such plumbing issues are detected.

# Peace and Eros Mix It Up At Café Open Microphone

by Jim Link

Both peace and a strong dose of Eros reigned at the New Deal Café’s open microphone reading on June 14, though the poetry and prose to be read had supposedly focused on peace. The slightly false advertising was not the fault, however, of the Peace and Justice Coalition or the Café, sponsors of the event. Almost 20 poets seized both the day and the mic, celebrating their pacifist impulses and much else as well.

Ever capable mistress of ceremonies Amethyst Dwyer got the peace train (or love train?) rolling by reading Rob Brezný’s “I Have a Dream,” in which he yearns for “tenderly orgiastic marathons running unabated.” Lenore Algaze then read the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi: “Where there is war, let me sow peace.”

Barbara Rondeau followed, reading “Conscientious Objector” by Edna St. Vincent Millay; Marj Donn read from her novel “2016;” and John Cook

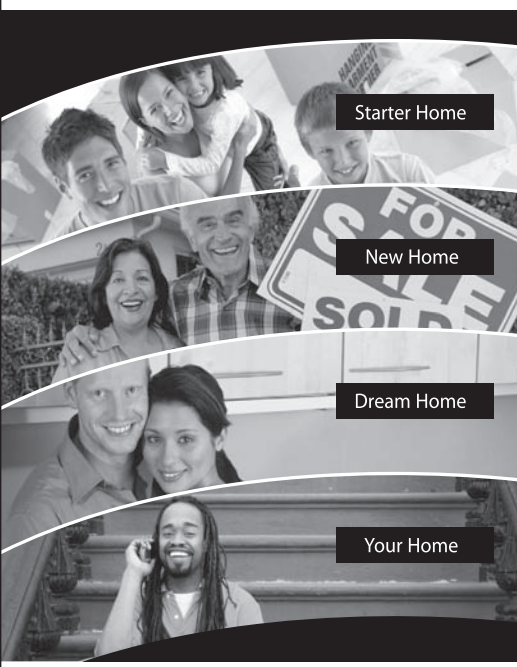
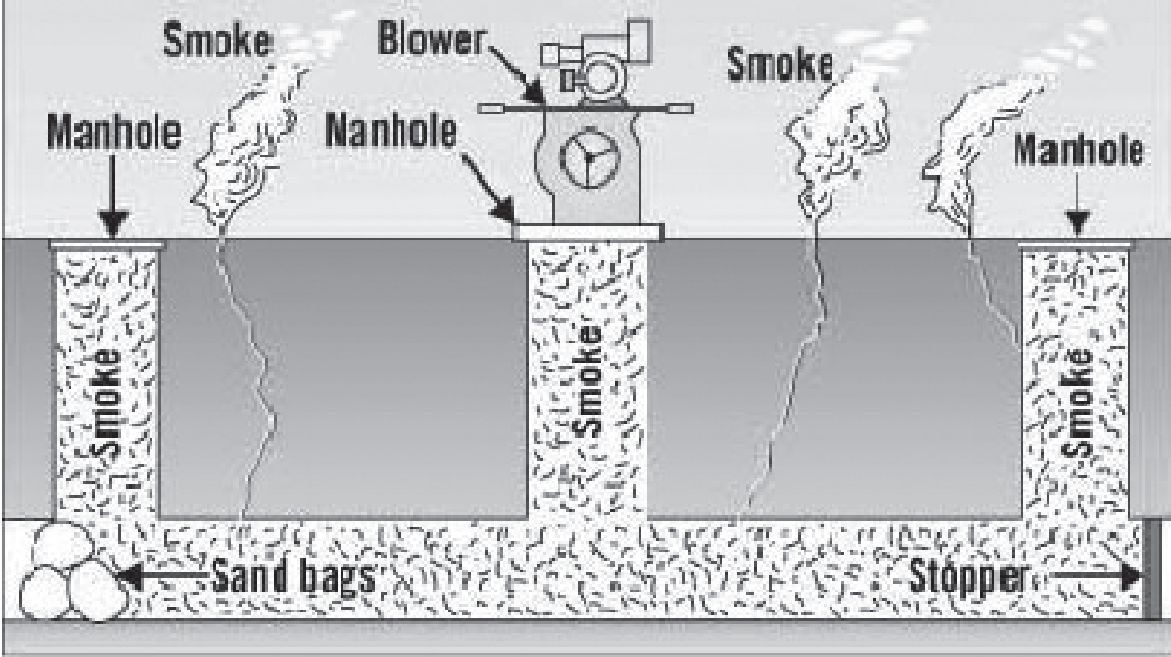
read “Terrorwocky,” his own clever parody of Lewis Carroll’s “Jabberwocky.”

After these works were heard, Anne King read a peace poem she had learned as a Girl Scout just a few short years ago. Others read selections by Ralph Waldo Emerson, Carl Sandburg, Edgar Guest and Kalil Gibran.

The prolific and very witty Rocky Jones then read his “I Hate Shopping for Pants” to raucous applause. He claimed in another poem that history can be treacherous, radical, revisionist, alternative, yakking but true history, he said, “lies calmly under the unbothered tongue of God.”

The celebrants emphasized the virtues of “ecstatic gratitude,” “autonomous nurturing,” “relentless unpretentiousness” and perhaps a non-virtue that most characterized the evening – “rowdy bliss.”

Come out on Tuesday, July 19 for the next open microphone poetry night – get rowdy, be blissful!



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Live From Greenbelt

# Channel 4’s Kammerer Brings Weather Show to GHI Yards

by Marat Moore

When NBC Channel 4’s satellite truck parked on Eastway around 4 p.m. last Friday, the weather looked promising – a sunny welcome for chief meteorologist Doug Kammerer and his traveling “Backyard BBQ” broadcast. The crew began setting up for the 5 p.m. news hour in the backyard of Alice Mitchell in 60 Court Crescent Road and the adjoining yards of two of her neighbors in GHI (Greenbelt Homes, Inc.). About 20 GHI friends and supporters, the onsite audience, contributed to a picnic buffet of vegan chili, nachos, watermelon and other culinary delights.

Greenbelt’s largest co-operative was ready for primetime.

Then a raincloud scudded in and made a direct hit on the court. Everyone fled into Mitchell’s co-op unit, teetering plates in hand. Kammerer had to scratch the first onsite weather segments but soon the sky had cleared, the backyards glistened, the buffet was back in place and so was the audience as they smiled and chatted on lawn chairs.

“We’re flexible,” Mitchell said with a laugh.

Kammerer, a friendly guy who gets things done, explained the broadcast process to the group. Mitchell would go on camera and cameraman Hugh would move from Mitchell’s yard to those of Bill and Dianne Wilkerson and Elizabeth Balcer-Kubiczek, with panning shots of the crowd in various locations.

“This is a first,” said Kammerer, looking at the jewel-like yards and the tidy row of creamy brick townhomes. His show has never featured multiple yards



PHOTOS BY MARAT MOORE

Local residents enjoyed watching Kammerer do his weather segments. Observing from left is Scott Snell, Rachel Channon, Elizabeth Balcer-Rubiczek, Nancy Solomon, Peter Brady, Barbara Logan, Ann Landry Lombardi and Aaron Solomon.

since he launched his backyard weather series in Philadelphia seven years ago. But it was precisely the unique qualities of GHI that motivated Mitchell to respond to Kammerer’s open invitation for backyard broadcasts. He confessed that he didn’t know Greenbelt’s history – and listened as everyone rushed to fill him in on the Roosevelt connection and the ideals of this New Deal town.

“That’s what it’s about here – the place and the community. It’s not about the individual. I wanted to show viewers that Greenbelt is such a find,” Mitchell said. To qualify for the show, she was required to send digital photos of the yards and a biography. Instead of an individual bio, she profiled GHI and the Greenbelt community, noting the co-op’s commitment to energy efficiency, walkability and vibrant neighborhoods.

During the breaks between the live weather spots – most less than a minute long – Kammerer showed the group his high-tech tools. He uses a weather iPad to connect to the station for two hours for his backyard broadcasts via Skype, the video calling software. Young Aaron Solomon of Greenbelt expressed great interest in the technology, including the video equipment Hugh was using to film the broadcast. Kammerer also constantly thumbed

his smartphone with its National Weather Service app showing severe storms brewing south of Greenbelt.

Although he only did two weather segments during the 5 p.m. hour because of the shower, he broadcast five segments during the 6 p.m. hour and most segments showed the backyards and festive group. He interviewed Mitchell about GHI and Greenbelt and then commented on the air about how everyone present “just really loves living here.”

“This is a great advertisement for this community, which I feel is under-appreciated in the region. It shows people how much we have to offer,” said Balcer-Kubiczek.

Gretchen Overdurff, general manager of GHI, added that the broadcast “shows all the best-kept secrets about the co-op. It’s a great way to end the work week.”

Neighbor Nancy Solomon enjoyed being part of the crowd. “I’m just here as a prop,” she joked.

### Ryan as Role Model

Kammerer and his crew – which included, along with Hugh, a college intern who handed Kammerer the iPad at opportune moments – arrived at around 4 p.m. and stayed until 7:15 p.m. So there was plenty of down time for conversation with Kammerer. This reporter told him that she had been a fan of Bob Ryan and

it was difficult to see him go but that Kammerer appeared to be hitting his stride. He replied that Ryan had been a role model for him for years and had served as his mentor.

“I have learned so much from Bob Ryan. It began in 10th grade, when I interviewed him for a math project,” said Kammerer. “He gave me my first weather maps with the highs and lows and the scientific detail and put me up in front of the ‘chroma key,’” he said, referring to televised weather maps. The relationship continued when Kammerer entered the profession.

But his passion for climatic drama began in childhood, when a lightning strike in his family’s Herndon backyard shook their house and jolted the 10-year old onto his eventual career path. Noting that his mom also “loves weather,” he started watching the weather station every day at his middle school and found that his interest in science and math helped him along the way.

By the time he graduated from high school, “everybody knew me as ‘The Weatherman,’” he said.

### Good Publicity

Host Alice Mitchell thought the June 17 broadcast went well.

“This event gave us a wonderful opportunity to showcase GHI, which is one of the best-kept secrets in the DC area,” she said.

Dianne Wilkerson, a co-host, added, “I hope the people who saw the broadcast thought that it looked like a great community.” She noted that the party continued for several hours after the NBC crew left, “until it started thundering and we decided to clean up and go home.”

It never hurts to keep your eyes on the weather.



Alice Mitchell with Doug Kammerer

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